

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>June 18, 2014</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2011-406-C</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u> </u>

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2011-406-C](#) - Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina to Withdraw Funds from the State USF to Support Stand-Alone Basic Residential Lines Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576 - Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

AT&T has received excess payments from the State USF in support of stand-alone basic residential lines and, additionally, AT&T has made excess withdrawals from the State USF for Lifeline support. In order to resolve these issues, ORS and AT&T have filed a Joint Petition with this Commission.

Regarding Overcollection of Grandfathered Stand-Alone Basic Residential Line Support

In July 2013, AT&T South Carolina requested support from the State USF pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576(C)(9)9c) for its grandfathered, stand-alone basic residential lines that were in service as of October 1, 2009. In the fall of 2013, ORS reviewed sample billing records for lines included in that request and advised AT&T that a line in the sample did not qualify. AT&T subsequently filed an adjusted request for support from the State USF and explained that, since July 2011, AT&T had likely inadvertently sought and received more State USF support than it was entitled.

In Order No. 2013-822, this Commission granted AT&T's adjusted request to withdraw \$628,749 from the State USF during the 2014 Fund Year to support the grandfathered lines, and directed AT&T to continue working with ORS to determine the amount of any Overages in the support AT&T has received for such lines since July 2011. AT&T has now determined that since July 2011, it has been granted a total of \$708,352 more than it was entitled and has actually received a total of \$589,375 of State USF support that it should not have received.

While this Commission granted an adjusted amount of \$628,749 of State USF support to AT&T as a result of its July 2013 request, this support is paid out monthly. Therefore, AT&T has actually received only \$209,583 of that amount (leaving a net amount of \$419,166 that was awarded but has not yet been received by AT&T.) The net of the \$708,352 aggregate amount of the overage that AT&T has been granted since October 2011 and the \$419,166 of support that has been granted but not yet received is \$289,186.

The Parties Jointly Propose that:

1. AT&T will pay \$312,207.44 to the State USF which includes interest of \$23,021;
2. AT&T will not receive any of the remaining \$419,166 of support that was awarded but not yet received, as a result of its adjusted July 2013 request; and

3. AT&T will not seek State USF support for the grandfathered stand-alone basic residential lines for the December 2014 to November 2015 State USF Fund year.

Regarding Overcollection of Support for Lifeline

In order to remedy the overages in State USF support for Lifeline, AT&T and ORS jointly propose that:

1. AT&T will pay \$13,006 to the State USF; and
2. ORS will reduce the monthly Lifeline support payments to AT&T by \$3,251.50 for the months of April through November 2014.

I move that we adopt the Joint Proposal to remedy overpayments for both State USF support for grandfathered stand-alone basic residential lines and for Lifeline.

PRESIDING: Hamilton

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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